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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

1. An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme was held on 17 January 1995 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Ambassador Jakob Esper Larsen (Denmark), Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme. The meeting was convened to approve an increase in the General Programmes target, endorsed by the 16 January 1995 meeting of the Sub-Committee on Administrative and Financial Matters, from $ 415.4 million to $ 428.7 million.

B. Representation on the Committee

2. The following members of the Committee were represented at the session:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Morrocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

3. The Governments of the following States were present as observers:

Armenia, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Swaziland, Uruguay, Zambia.

4. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers:

European Commission, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Organization for Migration, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference.

C. Adoption of the agenda

5. The committee adopted by consensus the following agenda (A/AC.96/840):

1. 1995 General Programmes Target

2. Applications by government observer delegations to participate in the work of the Sub-Committees and informal meetings of the Executive Committee.

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

6. A full account of the deliberations of the Committee is contained in the summary records of the meeting.

III. DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

A. Decision on the 1995 General Programmes Target

7. The Executive Committee,

Having reviewed the information contained in the Overall Programme and Funding Projections for 1994 and 1995 and Revised 1995 General Programmes Target (EC/1995/SC.2/CRP.6),

Having taken note of the oral report on the work of the Sub-Committee on Administrative and Financial Matters at its meeting on 16 January 1995,

Noting the increased requirements in a number of refugee situations, largely in Africa and the Middle East,

Recalling the need for UNHCR to respond to these situations in an expeditious and well programmed manner,

(a) Approves an increase in the 1995 General Programmes target from $415,413,000, as approved by the forty-fifth session of the Executive Committee in October 1994, to a revised level of $428,732,500.

(b) Notes that revised proposed estimates for 1995 under both General and Special Programmes amount to some $ 1,272,487,300.

B. Decision on Government Observer Participation in 1995

8. The Executive Committee,

Approves the application by the Government of Malaysia to participate in the work of the Sub-Committees and in informal meetings of the Executive Committee in 1995.